

VOTES  
AND  
DECLARATIONS  
of both Houses of  
PARLIAMENT,

Concerning the taking away  
and disanulling the power of the  
Clergie in making Constitutions :

WITH A DECLARATION  
prohibiting the reading in all Churches, Chappells, and else where, his Maiesties  
Proclamations, Declarations, and other Printed  
papers of the same nature and  
consequence.

*Mercurii 12. Iuly 1642.*

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that these Votes and Declaration be forthwith  
Printed and published.

*Io. Brown Clarc. Parl.*

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Printed for *Francis Leach*. and *William Gay*. 1642.

*Iulij 14.*





Votes of both Houses of  
Parliament.

*Die Sabbathi the twelfth of June.*  
1641.

Resolved upon the Que-  
stion.



That the Clergy of England  
convented in any convocation  
or Synode, or otherwise, have  
no power to make any Consti-  
tutions, Cannons or Articles  
whatsoever, in matter of Doc-  
trine and Discipline, or otherwise, to binde the  
Clergy or the Laity of this Land, without common  
consent of Parliament.

Resolved



Resolved upon the Question,  
*Nullo contra-dicente.*

**T**hat the severall Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiasticall, treated upon by the Arch-Bishops of Canterbury and Yorke, Presidents of the Convocations for the respective Provinces of Canterbury and Yorke and the rest of the Bishops and Clergie of those Provinces, and agreed upon with the Kings Majesties Licence in their severall Synods, begun at London and Yorke, 1640. doe not binde the Clergy or Laity of the Land, or either of them.

Resolved upon the Question.

**T**hat these canons and constitutions Ecclesiasticall, Treated upon by the Arch-Bishops of Canterbury and York, Presidents of the Convocations for the respective Provinces of Canterbury and York, and the rest of the Bishops and Clergie of those Provinces, and agreed upon by the Kings Majesties Licence in their severall Synods begun at London and York,

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Yorke, in the yeare 1640. do maintain in them many matters, contrary to the Kings Prerogative, to the fundamentall Lawes and Liberties of this Realme, To the right of Parliaments, To the Propriety and Liberty of the Subjects, and matters tending to Sedition, and of a dangerous consequence.

Die

Die Martis 5<sup>th</sup>. Iuly,

1642.

**VV** Hereas severall Proclamations, Declarations and papers in formes of Proclamations have issued out in his Maiesties name commanding Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and Sheriffes, Mayors, Bailiffes, and other officers to publish and proclaim the same, being contrary to the same, and divers Orders, Ordinances and Declarations of both Houses of Parliament, and much to the scandall and derogation of both the said Houses. Be it ordered and declared by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that noe Sheriffe, Mayor, Bailiffe, Parson, Vicar, Curate, or other  
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ther Officers shall from henceforth publish or proclaime, or cause to bee proclaimed or published, any such Proclamations, Declarations, or papers which are or shall bee contrary to any Order Ordinance or Declaration of the said Houses of Parliament, or tending to the scandall or derogation of their proceedings, but shall use all lawfull waies and meanes to restraine and hinder the proclaiming or publishing thereof, and all Sheriffes, Mayors, Bayliffes, parsons, Vicars, and Curates, or other officers that have forborne or refused, or shall forbear or refuse to publish or proclaime any such Proclamation Declaration or papers as aforesaid, or have or shall hinder the publication thereof, shall be protected

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rected by the power and authority of  
both Houses of Parliament.

*Mercurii. 12. July 1642.*

*Ordered by the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament, that the above said Votes  
and Declaration bee forthwith Printed  
and published.*

*John Browne, Cleric. Parliamentorum.*

FINIS.

